

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) A safety closure comprising:

an outer cap, comprising a first top wall and a first cylindrical skirt depending from said first top wall, a plurality of lugs are radially disposed about said first top wall and formed at an intersection of said first top wall and said first cylindrical skirt; and

an inner cap being rotatably received by the outer cap, said inner cap comprising a second top wall and a second cylindrical skirt depending from said second top wall, a plurality of recesses are radially disposed about said second top wall and formed at an intersection of said second top wall and said second cylindrical skirt, each of said recesses comprise a vertical wall and an inclined wall, each inclined wall being inclined with respect to a horizontal wall of its respective recess,

said lugs and recesses are shaped such that said lugs are engaged by said vertical walls when said outer cap is turned in a closure application direction, said lugs slide up said inclined walls when said outer cap is turned in a closure opening direction and a force urging said outer cap axially towards said inner cap is not being applied to the outer cap, and said lugs are engaged by said inclined walls when said outer cap is turned in the closure opening direction while the force is being applied to said outer cap,

wherein when said lugs and recesses are engaged after said outer cap is turned in a closure opening direction, said lugs are not urged from said recesses due to a relaxation of a deformed member.